(b) if so, the number of such cases noticed during the last six months and whether Government have taken any step so far to prevent such incidents; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (c) There have been some reports in the past of Indian nationals having lost their lives in going to foreign countries as illegal immigrants. However, no such instance has come to the notice of the Government during the last 6 months. No Indian national is reported to have died in the sinking of a boat last week carrying illegal immigrants near the coast of Greece.

Detailed guidelines have been issued by the Government under the Emigration Act, 1983 to the State Governments for taking strict action against recruiting agents/individuals who misguide Indian nationals with the promise of jobs in foreign countries.

Pakistani Citizenship to Dawood Ibrahim

3887. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's most wanted don Dawood Ibrahim was granted Pakistani citizenship;

(b) if so, whether this information has been received by the Central intelligence agencies as well as the intelligence wing of the Mumbai Police;

(c) whether any such information was conveyed to US and Pakistan; and

(d) if so, what is reaction of the Pakistan Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (d) It is widely known that as part of its policy of sponsoring cross border

terrorism in India, Pakistan has been providing safe haven to several fugitives from Indian law, wanted in India in connection with heinous crimes such as the Mumbai bomb blasts of 1993, the hijacking of IC 814 to Kandahar and the December 13 attack on India's Parliament. There have also been reports of Pakistani passports having been issued to Dawood Ibrahim.

Government have been appropriately and effectively bringing to the attention of the international community facts pertaining to Pakistan's continued sponsorship of cross border terrorism in India, and the sponsorship and support provided by it to terrorists and fugitives from law.

Despite the public commitment by the President of Pakistan not to allow the use of Pakistan territories for terrorism anywhere in the world, Pakistan's sponsorship of cross border terrorism and support to individuals involved in terrorist and criminal activities in India has continued unabated. Pakistan has also, contrary to facts, not acknowledged the presence of Dawood Ibrahim in that country, or the support that is being provided to him.

Extradition of Prabhakaran

3888. DR. ABBAR AHMED:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whehter Government propose to take immediat steps to seek the LTTE chief Prabhakaran's extradition to India in connection with Rajiv Gandhi assassination; and

(b) what political and diplomatic initiative have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) A formal request for the extradition of Shri V. Prabhakaran, leader of the LTTE was made to the Government of Sri Lanka in June 1995. The issue has been discussed since then with the Government of Sri Lanka from time to time and they have been made fully aware